

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**  
**County of Fairfax, Virginia**

**CLASS CODE:** 5145

**TITLE:** URBAN FORESTER III

**GRADE:** S-27

**DEFINITION:**

Under supervision performs advanced level work assisting in the planning, coordinating and supervising of an urban forestry program relating to tree preservation and planting, landscaping, screening, tree cover and assessment.

**TYPICAL TASKS:** (Tasks listed are for illustrative purposes only)

Directs the evaluation and review of all plans, waivers, modifications, and rezoning submissions; Supervises full-performance level Urban Foresters (i.e., assigns and reviews work, evaluates performance, approves leave, and oversees training);

Coordinates meetings between staff and developers, engineers, Board of Supervisors' staff, and citizens regarding sensitive and priority projects;

Reviews and interprets monthly statistical reports;

Recommends and drafts revisions to relevant regulations;

Identifies operational, training, and personnel needs for incorporation into the branch's annual budget;

Represents the Urban Forestry Branch at meetings and conferences, and makes presentations relevant to branch activities;

In absence of supervisor, may supervise activities of the branch.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

Knowledge of theory and practice of urban forestry; principles and practices of landscape design;

Principles of plant physiology;

Tree evaluation techniques;

Principles of grading and drainage;

Supervisory techniques;

Effective communication (oral and written) techniques.

**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:**

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to:

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in forestry, horticulture, landscape architecture, agriculture or related field; AND

Three years related experience in forestry, arboriculture, landscape architecture, or engineering relating to urban forest management.

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